

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment received on August 6, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-15, 18, 17, 19-22, 25-26, 24 (renumbered 1-12).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 June 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with April Mayo on September 15, 2004.

On line 13 of claim 13, the phrase "the effective dialysance" was changed to --an effective dialysance--.

On line 5 of claim 15, the phrase "the initial mass" was changed to --an initial mass--. On lines 6-7 of claim 15, the phrase "the initial concentration" was changed to --an initial concentration--. On line 8 of claim 15, the phrase "the distribution volume" was changed to --a distribution volume--.

On line 15 of claim 17, the following phrase was inserted before the word "determining": --calculating an effective dialysance of said dialyser based on said disturbance, --. On lines 16-17 of claim 17, the phrase "by multiplying said concentration" was changed to --by multiplying a concentration--.

On line 3 of claim 18, the word "or" was changed to --and--.

On line 15 of claim 20, the phrase "the effective dialysance" was changed to --an effective dialysance--.

On lines 5-6 of claim 22, the phrase "the initial mass" was changed to --an initial mass--. On lines 7-8 of claim 22, the phrase "the initial concentration" was changed to --

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an initial concentration--. On line 10 of claim 22, the phrase "the initial distribution volume" was changed to --an initial distribution volume--.

On line 15 of claim 24, the following phrase was inserted after the phrase "said dialysis fluid": --flow rate means for measuring the flow rate of said dialysate, --. On lines 15-16 of claim 24, the phrase "the effective dialysance" was changed to --an effective dialysance--.

On line 3 of claim 25, the word "or" was changed to --and--.

Reasons for allowance can be found in the last Office action mailed on February 25, 2004.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maureen M. Wallenhorst whose telephone number is 571-272-1266. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Wednesday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden, can be reached on 571-272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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